The Paris Peace Conference of 1919



Directions: Read through the perspectives of the “big four” below. Create either a movie script or a cartoon to recreate the negotiation between the big four that ended in the Treaty of Versailles. In your script or cartoon, you must have the following:

* At least three comments each from ALL of the characters listed below (8 points)
* Specific reference to an idea in Wilson’s 14 Points and whether or not it makes it into the Treaty of Versailles (4 points)
* The outcomes of the Paris Peace Conference and Treaty of Versailles (4 points)
* How Germans might have felt about the outcome of the Treaty (4 points)

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| Britain (David Lloyd-George) | France (George Clemenceau) | America (Woodrow Wilson) | Italy (Vittorio Orlando) |
| Many in Britain (having seen their husbands, sons and friends killed in the war) were eager for revenge. A popular saying was “Squeeze them until the pips squeak”. However, Lloyd-George himself was worried about the dangers of treating Germany too harshly. | Clemenceau was nicknamed “The Tiger”. He wanted to make Germany pay for all the damage that France suffered during the years of fighting. He wanted to punish Germany so strongly that they couldn’t ever start a war again. | The USA had only declared war in April 1917 and thus experienced far fewer casualties herself. Wilson arrived in Europe with his “Fourteen Points”. These were his plans to ensure future peace in Europe. He believed Germany should be treated fairly and that a “League of Nations” should be set up to settle future disputes between countries. | Italy had declared war on Germany in 1915, changing sides from her alliance with Germany at the beginning of the war. Italy had promised territory as a reward for changing sides. Orlando’s main aim was to get the extra land for Italy. He wanted his “fair share” from the spoils of war |
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